

**CHARLES TAYLOR MASTER
MECHANIC'S AWARD**

**Fairbanks Flight Standards District
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WARREN O. TILMAN**



TILMAN, WARREN O. (Tillie) Tillie was born May 6, 1906. Tillie clearly remembers the first airplane he ever saw: the VIN F1Z flying the first transcontinental flight in 1911. He was 5 at the time as says, he has liked airlines ever since. Tillie took an airplane engine maintenance correspondence course in 1923, but says, he didn't learn more than he already knew. In 1926, he got his first airplane ride in a Waco-9. In 1928, Tillie went to work for Walter Beech in Wichita, Kansas, building Travel Air aircraft. From 1929 to 1930 he worked on fabric and sheetmetal at Boeing's Seattle facility building Boeing P-12's, F-4B's and B-1E's.

In 1930, he came to Fairbanks and worked for Ben Eielson's Alaskan Airways. From 1932 to 1935 he worked for Pacific Alaska Airlines. In 1933 Tillie got his mechanic certificate with an engine rating. on April 5, 1940, he got his certificate upgraded with both aircraft and engine ratings. From 1935 to 1936, he worked for Lockheed in Burbank, California. In 1936, he moved back to Alaska and worked on Pollack Airways, Alaska aeromotive and Wien Alaska until 1942.

During the early years of WWII, Tillie left Alaska to contribute to the war effort. Tillie, with his wife and children, returned to Fairbanks in 1944. He worked for Alaska Airlines, 1944-45; Gilliam Airlines (Frank Pollack) 1945-47; and Northern Consolidated, 1947-57. After spending years outside running his own business and building sport aircraft, such as the Pitts Specials and Starduster II biplanes, Tillie returned to Alaska. He now Resides at the Fairbanks Pioneer's Home.